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Situation in China Near the Point of Armed Conflict.

Members of Foreign Legations in Peking Virtually Prisoners and Anti-Foreign Mobs Are in the Streets—May Send Troops from Manila.

London, June 16.—This is the situation in China as it appears to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, cabling last evening: "It is really a state of veiled war. The members of the foreign legations in Peking are virtually prisoners and the Chinese troops are only restrained from attacking them by fear of the legation guards. Meanwhile the ministers are altogether unable to communicate with the commanders of the relieving column, which is making an enforced and isolated halt between Tien Tsin and Peking. The walls of the capital are guarded by 100,000 imperial guards. The gates are heavily defended with modern guns. Gen. Tung, acting under orders from the empress dowager says that no more foreign troops have or shall enter the sacred city.

From Tien Tsin it is reported that the foreign forces in the harbor will attack the Taku forts and, if necessary, bombard them.

The international column appears to be still at Lang Fan, engaged in slowly repairing the railway, which, according to a dispatch from Tien Tsin to the Daily Mail, dated June 14, cannot be effected for weeks.

Troops May Go from Manila.

Washington, June 16.—It seems probable that, after all, the United States troops in the Philippines will be called upon to furnish a contingent to assist in the rescue of the foreign missionaries in China, and in the protection of the foreign embassies and legations. A great change has come over the administration in this regard, for as late as yesterday there was a firm determination not to go beyond the employment of marines and sailors.

CRONJE'S SON A PRISONER.

Young Boer Commander at Klerksdorp Gave Up When Informed That Roberts Had Occupied Pretoria.

London, June 16.—The war office issues the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

Pretoria, June 14.—Klerksdorp surrendered on June 9 to an armed party sent on by Hunter. Kitchener reports that the Boers attacked a reconstruction train a few miles north of Rhenoster river. He sent out mounted troops and drove off the enemy before they could do damage. One man was killed and 11 wounded, including two officers. A messenger from Klerksdorp reports that Cronje, who commanded there, determined to surrender as soon as he knew for certain that Pretoria was in our possession. His example has been copied by many in the neighborhood.

A late dispatch from Lord Roberts deals with Gen. Baden-Powell's movements in western Transvaal, where, with 800 men, he is systematically re-establishing order and collecting arms and supplies. About 600 Boers have surrendered and Baden-Powell captured 230 prisoners. According to Baden-Powell's report the Boers will readily discuss terms of surrender and they all appreciate the work of pacification performed by his troops.

Dewey Will Not Accept Second Place.

Washington, June 16.—Admiral Dewey was seen Friday and asked whether or not he would define his position relative to the vice presidential nomination. "I have never contemplated being a candidate for vice president," replied the admiral. "I am not a candidate for nomination, for that office and would not accept the nomination if offered. My position is unchanged; I stand where I stood for the past three months."

Minnesota Odd Fellows Bar Druggists.

St. Paul, Minn., June 16.—The grand lodge of Oddfellows voted to exclude druggists and hotelkeepers from the order. The grand master had ruled in several instances that the rule excluding liquor dealers, bartenders and professional gamblers from membership in the order applied to agents for breweries or liquor houses, hotelkeepers who have bars in their hotels, and even druggists who sell liquor.

Missouri Fifth in Leading States.

Chicago, June 16.—The Chicago Tribune to-day prints a summary of the census work compiled from the best obtainable information. The figures were furnished by 3,000 different people in the United States. In numerical order, the five leading states are New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Missouri, the last showing the most marked gain in population.

For Railroad Consolidation.

Chicago, June 16.—The Record says: Chicago, New York and London financiers are associated in the movement for the reorganization of the Kansas City & Northern Connecting railroad. Behind the project lies a plan for the unification of this and three other short roads in the same territory to form a system of the greatest value from a strategic point of view.

SUPREME LODGE A. O. U. W.

William A. Walker, of Wisconsin, Elected Supreme Master Workman—Pauline Ennis, of Kansas, Supreme Chief of Honor.

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 14.—The earlier sessions of the supreme lodge Ancient Order of United Workmen, now holding its twenty-eighth annual meeting in this city, was taken up principally with routine matters. The following officers were elected: Supreme master workman, William A. Walker, of Wisconsin; supreme foreman, A. C. Hardwick, of New York; supreme overseer, Webb McNeill, of Kansas; supreme recorder, M. W. Sacket, of Pennsylvania; supreme receiver, John J. Acker, of New York.

At a business meeting of the superior lodge, Degree of Honor, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Supreme chief of honor, Pauline Ennis, of Kansas; superior lady of honor, Ella H. Mantor, of Minnesota; superior chief of ceremonies, Louise M. Bush, of Washington; superior recorder, Elizabeth E. Alburn, of Iowa; superior receiver, Emma S. Bedford, of New Hampshire; superior usher, Irene M. Raikes, of New York; superior watch, Olive M. Bacon, of Colorado.

CHINESE ENTRENCHING.

They Will Oppose the Advance of the International Column at Peking—Guns Trained on the American Mission.

London, June 14.—The Chinese are entrenching outside of Peking to oppose the advance of the international column. A dispatch from Tien Tsin dated Tuesday, June 12, says: "I learn that the Chinese have guns trained on the American mission and the British legations. Two thousand Russian cavalry and infantry, with artillery, have landed at Taku."

The Shanghai correspondents report that United States Minister Conger, by courier, asks for 2,000 United States troops.

The question of provisioning the relief force is already difficult, and it is predicted at Shanghai that it will become acute.

The foreign office confirms the report of an engagement between troops of the international column and the Boxers on Monday. It says that "about 25 Chinese were killed."

OHIO DEMOCRATS.

They Hold Their State Convention and Adopt a Platform—What the Platform Contains.

Columbus, O., June 14.—The democratic state convention was called to order yesterday. Delegates to the national convention were elected and a platform adopted, a synopsis of which is as follows:

The Chicago platform is reaffirmed; a protest is made against the doctrine that territory outside and independent of the United States constitution can be governed by the president or congress, as the flag and constitution go together; the Porto Rican tariff bill is denounced; trusts and monopolies are opposed and the repeal of laws giving special privileges to any interest is demanded; the currency law is denounced; William J. Bryan is endorsed for president of the United States and the delegates are instructed to cast their votes for him.

Is Tired of Wandering.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.—John E. Sullivan, formerly clerk of Marion county, who fled in 1889, under charge of embezzling \$80,000 of public money, returned to Indianapolis Wednesday afternoon. He came here from Green Castle, Ind. He says that after 11 years of wandering he wants to face his accusers. When Sullivan left he went direct to Canada, where he remained several years.

Masonic Home in Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 14.—The Masonic widows' and orphans' home of Texas, was formally dedicated by the grand lodge of masons, assisted by representatives from about 130 lodges. There is an endowment of about \$150,000, which, with a yearly contribution from the grand lodge provides for the support.

Refuses to Honor the Requisition.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 14.—Gov. Mount last night issued a statement declining to honor a requisition from Gov. Beckham, of Kentucky, for the return to that state of William S. Taylor, who is under indictment for complicity in an alleged plot which resulted in the assassination of Gov. Goebel.

Lieut. Scott Doubly Blessed.

Philadelphia, June 14.—Senator Scott, who is here attending to his duties as a member of the republican national committee sent a \$20,000 telegraphic draft to his son, Lieut. Scott, at San Francisco, where the young man, upon returning from volunteer service in the Philippines, was married Tuesday. The senator wired that he began life with 20 cents.

A Train Plunges Down an Embankment.

Williamsport, Pa., June 14.—Six men were killed and another fatally injured on a logging railway at Cammalt by the train jumping the track and plunging down an embankment.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

The State Convention Elects Delegates to the National Convention and Instructs Them for Bryan—The Resolutions.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 15.—The democratic state convention yesterday elected 34 delegates to the national convention at Kansas City and instructed them for William J. Bryan for president. The resolutions endorse the St. Louis world's fair, condemn trusts and corporation influence in political matters and pledge the party to fight these on all occasions. This was a defeat for ex-Gov. Stone, who introduced and fought for a resolution declaring specifically against agents of corporations holding places of honor in party affairs. His fight was to defeat W. H. Phelps, the Missouri Pacific railway attorney, but the convention adopted a modified resolution and made Mr. Phelps a delegate-at-large with ex-Gov. Stone. The fight lasted for four hours and several personal matters were injected into the debate.

The resolutions also endorse the platform of the state nominating convention at Kansas City.

The following delegates-at-large were elected: Ex-Gov. W. J. Stone, Gov. Lon V. Stephens, David A. Ball and W. H. Phelps. The delegates were instructed to vote for the renomination of National Committeeman W. J. Stone.

RENEWS WAR ON JESUITS.

French Chamber of Deputies Passes Bill Prohibiting Them Teaching in the Schools, Private or Otherwise.

Paris, June 15.—Discussion of the government's project to forbid unauthorized religious communities from teaching in the French schools, private or otherwise, caused a stormy scene in the chamber of deputies. The proposed law is aimed against the Jesuits and Assumptionist fathers, who control the private schools and colleges of France. Deputy Abbe Gayraud proposed a counter law forbidding all members of secret societies to teach in the schools. This was a hit at the Freemasons. After continued riotous proceedings, the proposition submitted by the government was sent to a special commission by a large majority vote.

TO HOLD A CONFERENCE.

Anti-Imperialists Will Meet in New York June 25 to Decide Upon Future Political Action.

New York, June 15.—The executive committee of the anti-imperialists' league will meet here June 25 to consider whether to call a general convention, conference or "liberty congress," to meet shortly after the close of the democratic convention. The committee has arranged to invite for private conference, at the same time and place, about 30 representative men, among whom are mentioned Carl Schurz, George S. Boutwell, Horace Boies, Judson Harmon, J. Sterling Morton, John B. Henderson, Moorefield Storey, Senator Wellington and Senator Bacon.

Will Inspect American Exhibits.

Paris, June 15.—The United States honorary commissioners at their weekly meeting decided to begin an inspection of the various American exhibits at the exposition, and so notified Commissioner General Peck. The inspection will begin next Monday with the mining section and a thorough examination will be made. The commissioners are also arranging for other work that will bring them into close contact with the American exhibit.

Queer Disposal of a Fortune.

Westchester, Pa., June 15.—In order to preclude the possibility of a contest over his will after he is dead, John G. Taylor is now engaged in expending a fortune of \$100,000 in monuments. Mr. Taylor's avowed purpose is to use all his money in improving Lafayette cemetery, on the heights of Brandywine battlefield, a short distance from the spot where Gen. Lafayette fell, wounded in battle.

The Kansas Semi-Centennial Exposition.

Topeka, Kan., June 15.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000 to aid Kansas in getting up its semi-centennial exposition in 1904. The promoters of the exposition scheme will soon invite the members of the Kansas delegation in congress—both senators and the eight congressmen—to hold a conference in Topeka to discuss the matter.

Opposes the Return of Flags.

Davenport, Ia., June 15.—At the annual encampment of the G. A. R. of Iowa here, National Commander Albert D. Shaw declared in regard to the return of captured confederate battleflags that a majority of soldiers believed the time was not ripe for such action and that the past should not be brought into view again in this generation.

Urging Dewey for Vice President.

Washington, June 15.—If he can be induced to accept the vice presidential nomination, Admiral Dewey may be put on the democratic ticket. It is said that an effort is to be made to wake up sentiment in his favor among the delegates from southern states.

GERMAN MINISTER KILLED.

All Foreign Legations in Peking Destroyed and Situation Is Hourly Becoming More Perilous.

London, June 17.—A special dispatch from Hong Kong says all the Peking legations have been destroyed and that the German minister, Baron von Ketteler, has been killed.

Has an American Wife.

Detroit, Mich., June 17.—Baron von Ketteler, the German minister to China, who is reported to have been killed in the "boxer" riots in Peking, was a son-in-law of Henry B. Ledyard, president of the Michigan Central railroad. The baron was married to Miss Ledyard in 1891.

British Cruiser Sails for Tien Tsin.

Hong Kong, June 17.—The British first-class cruiser Terrible, with troops, sailed for Tien Tsin Saturday. Capt. Percy M. Scott, of the Terrible, previous to sailing, arranged to land a 12-pounder and other ship guns for land service.

Incendiary Fires at Tien Tsin.

Shanghai, June 17.—Last night's advice from Tien Tsin report that large incendiary fires occurred in the eastern part of the city, where three English and American churches were burned, besides the residences of many foreigners. Telegraphic communication is interrupted, the poles having been burned, and there is no hope of immediate repairs being made.

Imperial Troops Join Boxers.

Shanghai, June 17.—According to information received here from foreign sources 10,000 imperial troops which were between Peking and the international forces advancing on that city have disbanded and joined the "boxers." It is asserted that the government of China does not consider itself responsible for any encounter which may take place.

Not a Word from Conger.

Washington, June 17.—Not a word of news came to the state department over night from Minister Conger, who has now been cut off from communication since last Tuesday. Even the United States consuls in north China ports were silent. This absence of official reports has given rise to grave apprehension here.

Must Hear from Kempff Soon.

Washington, June 17.—Unless telegraphic communication with Admiral Kempff is restored speedily a fast vessel will be ordered to proceed from Manila to Taku for news.

GRANT AND FUNSTON AGAIN.

These Two Intrepid Commanders Manage to Keep the Filipinos Pretty Busy Engaged—Troops Have Malaria.

Manila, June 18.—The troops under Gen. Funston and Gen. Grant organized an advance, with parts of five regiments and two guns, against 500 rebels in a mountain stronghold east of Bacoabanta, where it was supposed Capt. Roberts, of the Thirty-fifth regiment, who was captured last month at San Miguel de Mayune, was held captive. The Americans operated under many difficulties and over an exceedingly rough country, but the rebels retreated, only a few resisting and the stronghold was occupied and burned. As the result of last week's scouting 60 Filipinos were killed, 200 were captured and 300 rifles, with 25,000 rounds of ammunition were surrendered. Three Americans were killed.

Malaria fever has been prevalent since April in parts of Cavite and Batangas provinces, which are garrisoned by the Forty-sixth and Thirty-ninth regiments. Thirty per cent. of the men of each regiment are on the sick list. Of two battalions in Batangas province one has 150 sick and the other 190.

INDIAN TERRITORY CENSUS.

Total Population Estimated at 400,000, Indians Constituting Less Than 100,000—Value of Land Per Acre.

Vinita, I. T., June 18.—An estimate of the population of Indian territory, at the present time, exclusive of Oklahoma, as made by the census supervisor for the territory, places the number at 400,000. The Indian population by tribes is as follows: Cherokee, 30,000; Cherokee freedmen, 4,000; Delaware Indians, 1,000; Creek Indians, 10,000; Creek freedmen, 6,000; Choctaw Indians, 16,000; Choctaw freedmen, 4,250; Chickasaw Indians, 6,000; Chickasaw freedmen, 4,500; Seminole Indians, 3,000. Total, 84,750. In addition there are about 2,500 Senecas, Wyandottes, Shawnees, Peorias and others of the smaller tribes. There are 314,000 persons in Indian territory who are not citizens of any of the Indian nations and are white people and negroes. The present value of land for agricultural purposes is about \$6.50 an acre.

McLean's Big Campaign Contribution.

New York, June 18.—John R. McLean, who is in this city on his way to Europe, is said to have sent a personal check for \$25,000 to W. J. Bryan to be used in the campaign. This check was sent, it is said, as an evidence of good will and to offset any bad effect of the misconception of his trip to Europe.

RESORT TO THE BOYCOTT.

Demands of Striking Street Car Men in St. Louis Refused and a Big Struggle Is Now On.

St. Louis, June 18.—The long drawn out controversy between the St. Louis Transit company and its striking employees has now simmered down into a struggle between capital and labor along the lines of a boycott. The submitting of the question of the reinstatement of the former employees of the company to arbitration has been the bone of contention in the recent negotiations for a settlement of the strike, but like all former contentions it has resulted in nothing, the railway officials demanding an unconditional surrender on the part of the men. As a result of the company's action President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has declared that he will do all in his power to bring the influence of the whole body of organized labor in America to bear upon the local situation in an effort to win the strike for the union. Mr. Gompers urges the strikers to be law-abiding, but advises them to make the operation of the cars as expensive as possible, by refusing to patronize them. The boycott to be declared, strike leaders say, will apply not only to the St. Louis Transit company, but to every person, every business man, every association, and, in fact, any corporation or individual favoring it in any way.

MORE RUMORS OF PEACE.

Latest from South Africa Says Roberts Is Negotiating Terms Through Wives of Kruger and Botha.

London, June 17.—A rumor is rife in the city that Lord Roberts is negotiating with President Kruger and Gen. Botha, through their wives, regarding terms of surrender.

The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the Times says: "President Kruger has removed his headquarters to Atkmar, near Nel Pruit. Trustworthy men who have been at Machadodorp within a few days say it is extremely problematical whether the Boers will carry out their professed intention to retire to the Lydenburg hills. These people are inclined to believe that the Boers will stick to the main line of railway as long as possible, and that, unless they surrender, they will fall back to the Delamp valley, the most mountainous portion of the Transvaal. A strong objection to the Lydenburg district is the fact that the native tribes are very much unsettled."

A Large Elevator Burned.

Kansas City, Mo., June 18.—The large Union elevator, at Ninth and Mill streets, in the West bottoms, burned to the ground yesterday afternoon and the loss is estimated at \$100,000. At the same time the contents of C. A. Brockett's cement plant were ruined by the fire and water, the stock being of such a character that to have water thrown upon it is to completely ruin it. C. A. Brockett's loss is placed at \$15,000. Both buildings and their contents were covered by insurance.

Leaped Into the Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo., June 18.—Because she was tired of life Mrs. May Raible, 23 years old, jumped into the Missouri river just west of the Hannibal bridge yesterday with the purpose of drowning. She came to the surface twice and was rescued by a fisherman when she grasped at the bank, near where he was seated. The fisherman summoned the police ambulance and Mrs. Raible was conducted to police headquarters, where Assistant Police Surgeon Snider resuscitated her.

Jailed for Beating Her Husband.

East St. Louis, Ill., June 17.—Mrs. John Rigby, who weighs 90 pounds, pleaded guilty in the city court at Alton of whipping her husband, who weighs 160 pounds. She was fined \$25 by Justice Few, and, on failing to pay the fine, was sent to the city jail. Mr. Rigby prosecuted his wife, he said, because she "beat him unmercifully several times a day."

Kansas City Not in the List.

Chicago, June 17.—The Tribune prints a summary of the census work compiled from the best obtainable information. A list of 25 largest cities does not include Kansas City, Mo. In numerical order the five leading states are New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Missouri, the last showing the most marked gain in population.

Serious Loss to Delaware Republicans.

Dover, Del., June 17.—Congressman John Henry Hofferker, the state of Delaware's only representative in the lower branch of the national legislature, who is said to have been the only republican both factions of the party could agree on for such position, dropped dead in Symrna.

To Check Consumption in Boston.

Boston, June 18.—Hereafter consumptives in Boston who cannot be isolated and cared for properly in their homes, insuring the protection of their relatives and others not afflicted, will be removed by the board of health to the Long Island hospital or to Tewksbury almshouse.